Newman
BY JOSH ULRICH

DUDE, HAVE YOU NOT BEEN TREATING YOUR COLLAR?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THIS IS MY OWN MIXTURE OF DOSH ROOT AND PIN SEED OIL

IF YOU DON'T TREAT IT AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH IT WILL GET TOO ROUGH
I DON'T KNOW. IT NEVER REALLY BOTHERS ME I'VE GOT PRETTY TOUGH SKI--

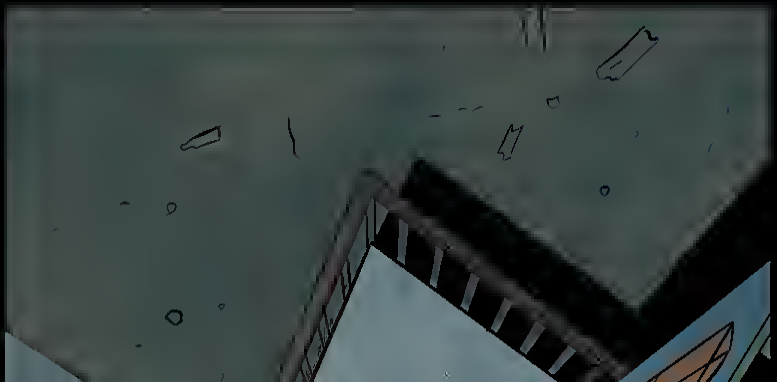
OH MY GOD THAT'S BETTER

SEE? HERE YOU CAN KEEP THIS ONE. I'VE GOT PLENTY.
THANKS

SO YOUR WEDDING IS ONLY A FEW MONTHS AWAY. YOU GETTING NERVOUS?
ABOUT THE THINGS YOUR MOM MIGHT HAVE PLANNED? YES. BUT MOSTLY I'M EXCITED.

AW, DROW WEDDINGS ARE NOT THAT BAD.
YOU AND I HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT PERCEPTION OF NOT THAT BAD.

THE SHOP KEEP TOLD US ABOUT A GROUP THAT BUYS UP EVERYTHING SHE HAS ON CTHULHU AND OTHER CULT MATERIAL.
THEY MEET AT AN OLD CLOSED DOWN CHURCH NOT FAR FROM HERE. COULD BE OUR GUYS.



THERE'S LIGHTS ON IN THERE

I CAN SEE THREE PEOPLE MOVING AROUND

NOD
ON THREE?

CRD! NOBODY MOVE!

AHHH!!
WE'RE DEAD!
HOLY CRAP!

HUH
THEY REALLY ARE JUST NERDS

WERE NOT NERDS!
WERE CONSPIRACY THEORISTS
CONSPIRACY RESEARCHERS
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I SAID NERDS

I DON'T SEE ANY BROKEN ARMS, I DON'T THINK THEYRE THE ONES WERE LOOKING FOR.
WHO DID YOU THINK WE WERE? AND THANKS FOR BREAKING THE DOOR BY THE WAY.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?

OH MY GOD.
IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS?

IS THIS LEGIT?
YOU TELL ME.

LET ME SEE IT.

I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD GET TO SEE ONE OF THESE IN PERSON.

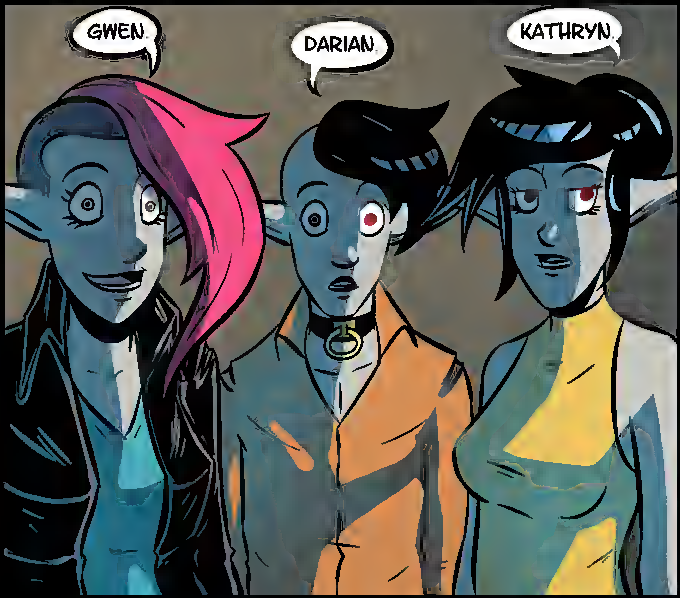
WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
NEVER MIND THAT WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT IT?

THIS IS A TOKEN OF THE CTHULHU CULT. YOU CAN TELL IT'S AUTHENTIC BECAUSE IT'S NOT TRADITIONAL GOLD IT'S MADE FROM PARAMITE. A TYPE OF GOLD FOUND DEEP IN THE OCEAN.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS CULT?

EVERYTHING.
WELL, EVERYTHING ON RECORD.
AND SOME OFF RECORD.

CEDRIC.
CINDY.
MARK.
I'M NEWMAN.


GWEN
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HOLD ON ... NEWMAN, GWEN KATHRYN ...
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

THE ROYAL MONSTER SLAYERS THAT HAVE KILLED FOUR OF THE ELDER BEASTS?
YOU GUYS ARE LEGENDS!
UM...?

HOW COULD YOU KNOW ALL THAT? ONLY ONE OF THOSE EVENTS IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, AND EVEN THEN OUR NAMES WERE NEVER RELEASED.
THAT FALLS INTO THE "OFF RECORD" INFORMATION I WAS TALKING ABOUT.

LET'S TALK.

LIKE AND IF YOU ENJOYED!

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